

One of the Commission's first major accomplishments came in 1975 when the Water Commission finished installing a new water main to expand service to North Willow Springs. Just over a decade later in 1986 the Water Commission faced its first major crisis when the Des Plaines River flooded. The flood displaced thousands and caused an estimated \$35 million in damage to the surrounding community. The Water Commission responded by working around the clock to pump water from the streets and get life back to normal in the western suburbs.

Since the flood, the Water Commission has committed itself to upgrading and improving the infrastructure of the rapidly growing area. For example, The Commission added a new computerized monitoring system increased the efficiency of the newly renamed Water Commission. This year the Water Commission was renamed the West Suburban water Commission to signify the expanding scope of the commission and usher in the next chapter of its history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great service that the West Suburban Water Commission has provided to the citizens of Justice and Willow Springs. May their selfless dedication to their community serve as example to us all.

### 39TH ANNUAL LABOR AND COMMUNITY AWARDS RECEPTION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, recognized several individuals for their dedication and service during the 39th Annual Labor and Community Awards Reception, which was held at Wicker Park in Highland, Indiana, on Thursday, April 24, 2014. These individuals, in addition to all Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

At this year's event, several individuals and organizations received special recognition. The Joseph A. Beirne Community Service Award is presented each year to local and national labor leaders for their volunteer service to United Way. This year, Jim Stemmler, retired Business Manager for Ironworkers Local 395, was the recipient of this prestigious honor for his outstanding dedication and noteworthy service to the United Way movement.

Dave Fagan, Financial Secretary, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, is this year's recipient of the President's Award. Mr. Fagan was honored for enhancing the well-being of workers throughout Northwest Indiana through countless contributions to further the philosophy of the Labor Movement.

The Union Label Award was presented to Lake County Sheriff John Bunch for his unselfish devotion to the Labor Movement through its promotion in all areas of endeavor: social, civic, educational, and political.

Larry Regan, Vice President, Teamsters Local 142, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of Labor activism and his commitment to his community. For the exceptional service he has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he is worthy of our admiration and respect.

Dr. Debra Dudek, Director of Title and Special Student Services for the Portage School District, was honored with the Community Services Award for her exemplary service to her community and to the enhancement of the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana.

The Industrial Sector Award was presented to Dave McCall, Director, District 1, United Steelworkers, for his leadership and support of working families throughout Northwest Indiana.

David Tharp, Midwest District Vice President, Carpenters Local 1005, was the recipient of the Building Trades Sector Award, which was bestowed upon him for his many years of service to the Labor Movement and his outstanding dedication to his fellow union members.

Tim Murray, of the Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo and Granite Cutters Union Local 21, and Michael Larson, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 697, received the George Meany Award for their significant contributions to the youth of their communities through their involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These honorees are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to their unions and the Northwest Indiana community through their hard work and tireless service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary citizens, as well as all of the hardworking union men and women throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF G. RICARDO SALAS

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Guam Senator G. Ricardo Salas, a dedicated public servant and successful businessman on Guam. Senator Salas passed away on April 4, 2014, at the age of 90.

Affectionately known as Rick, G. Ricardo Salas was born in Guam's capital city of Hagåtña on November 14, 1923, to Jose and Coltilde Santos Salas. When he was just eight years old, Rick began helping with his family's business; he would assist his father and brother in their architecture and land-surveying professions and walk through the streets of Hagåtña selling baked goods.

As a young man on Guam after World War II, Rick decided to move to the U.S. mainland to pursue higher education. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, in 1949.

Mr. Salas married Rosa Teresita Perez on November 26, 1951. Together they had eight children: Richard Conrad, Sr.; Melissa; Ronald John; Kathleen Angelica; Lucina Elaine; Teresita Marie; Vicente Ramon and Solange Mirim. They also raised their first grandchild, Richard "Ricky Boy" Conrad, Jr., and were blessed with 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rick began his career of public service with the Government of Guam, working at the Department of Land Management and later at the Department of Revenue and Taxation. He was an active member of the Republican Party of Guam, and in 1972, he represented Guam as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 19XX, he was elected a Senator to the 12th Guam Legislature. He went on to serve an additional term in the 13th Guam Legislature before returning to the private sector.

As a businessman, Senator Salas played an integral role in diversifying business on Guam. He used his background in real-estate to successfully attract international clientele from Asia to invest in Guam. He also managed his family businesses, the Salas Agency Corporation, Salas Services, and Salas Equipment Co. until his retirement in 2005. However, despite retiring many continued to rely on his advice and expertise of real estate on Guam.

Senator Salas will always be remembered for his years of public service and many contributions to the people of Guam. I am deeply saddened by his passing, and I join the people of Guam in mourning a great businessman and statesman. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. His legacy will live on in the memories of the people of Guam.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE ART OF MAGIC

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of one of my constituents, Dal Sanders, National President of The Society of American Magicians, to recognize magic as an art.

The art of magic has been around for centuries and is intended to entertain audiences with the staging of tricks and creating seemingly impossible illusions. Throughout its history, magic has grown to show innovative and creative ways to delight and engage audiences worldwide. It takes a great deal of dedication and a strong work ethic to devote the practice time necessary to master this art.

I would specifically like to take this opportunity to recognize the world's oldest magic organization, The Society of American Magicians, SAM. Since its founding in 1902, The SAM has attempted to elevate and advance the art of magic by promoting an environment for magicians worldwide to come together and share their passion. The SAM members follow in the footsteps of renowned magicians Harry Houdini and Howard Thurston, who each served as national president of The SAM, and Harry Blackstone, Jr., and David Copperfield, who both have served as The SAM ambassadors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing the art of magic.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AFFIRMATION AND NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which has governed our relationship with Taiwan since its enactment.

The TRA was signed into law April 10, 1979, by President Carter in order to maintain economic, cultural, and security ties with Taiwan in the absence of an official diplomatic relationship. The TRA has been vital in strengthening this mutually-beneficial partnership over the last 35 years. The U.S. enjoys no closer friend than Taiwan. Our friendship is built on a firm foundation of shared values—democracy and freedom, free and fair elections, a free press, and a free economy.

Taiwan has created a vibrant economy and is a significant trading partner to the United States. It is also a major innovator and producer of IT products—many of which are assembled in China. Taiwan already plays a critical role in the global supply chain and has proven they would be an asset to the Trans-Pacific Partnership if included.

Taiwan has used thoughtful dialogue and trade to help ease cross strait tensions, ensuring peace in the Western Pacific and resulting in greater security for the United States. I invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 35th anniversary of the TRA and in expressing our commitment to our relationship with Taiwan.

HONORING RABBI JOHN ROSEVE

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. WAXMAN. Speaker, I would like to recognize my dear friend Rabbi John Rosove as he celebrates his 25th anniversary with Temple Israel of Hollywood (TIOH).

I have had the incredible privilege of knowing Rabbi Rosove throughout his tenure at TIOH and truly look to him as a leader in the Los Angeles faith-based community. Rabbi Rosove's work has extended well beyond the walls of TIOH. He has made a tremendous impact on the City of Los Angeles as a whole with his successful efforts to promote social action and improve education. Our entire community owes him a debt of gratitude for his tireless work.

Under Rabbi Rosove's leadership, TIOH has blossomed and become well-respected for its strong programs and great efforts to improve the lives of Angelenos. TIOH's Big Sunday Weekend of Service is one example of the exemplary programs Rabbi Rosove has spearheaded. It has grown to become one of the largest volunteer service days in California.

Additionally, Rabbi Rosove is responsible for the TIOH Green Team, a group of community members and schools committed to promoting a number of initiatives, including the

use of reusable containers and bags, consumption of organically or locally grown food, and reduction of energy utilization.

Rabbi Rosove's vision has also given TIOH's work international recognition. He was the 2002 recipient of the World Union for Progressive Judaism International Humanitarian Award and has received special commendation from the State of Israel Bonds. In addition, he formed twin synagogue relationships with TIOH and Kehillat Mevasseret Zion, Israel, and with Congregation Darchei Noam in Ramat Hasharon, Israel, as well as with the Progressive Synagogues in Kiev and Kharkov, Ukraine.

I would like to congratulate Rabbi Rosove on 25 remarkable years with TIOH. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating his inspiring career and in wishing him all the best for the future.

HONORING PASTOR WALSTONE FRANCIS OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH ON HIS 22ND ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pastor Walstone Francis of Shiloh Baptist Church in Waukegan, on his 22nd Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Francis has been a dedicated community servant, a passionate religious leader, and an important and prominent figure in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

Since 1992, Pastor Francis has offered his vision, his guidance and his spiritual insight to Waukegan and established himself as an invaluable leader in and out of the religious community.

A moving preacher, dedicated scholar, gifted writer and clear communicator, Pastor Francis is an exemplary ambassador for the Shiloh community. His tremendous impact in the community is also a testament to the great immigrant tradition of this country, having obtained citizenship two years after being called to pastor Shiloh.

In his distinguished 22 years, he has crowned seven deacons, licensed ten ministers and ordained six preachers—ensuring that his passion for, and commitment to scripture and positive vision continue through the work and preaching of others.

Leaders like Pastor Walstone Francis ensure our communities remain vibrant, strong and focused, in common purpose, on giving back and helping our neighbors.

Congratulations again to Pastor Francis on 22 years with Shiloh Baptist Church. I look forward to many more years and many more celebrations in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JANE CHU OF THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Jane Chu, President and Chief

Executive Officer of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, located in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent. The promotion of creativity through artistic endeavor that leads to innovation and exposure to the arts has been Jane Chu's personal and professional persona. In Kansas City, this self-proclaimed workaholic has earned the reputation for stimulating change through a multitude of artistic disciplines, philanthropy and professional management skills. She helped to reinvigorate our historic Union Station as the Vice President of External Relations. Additionally, she served as Vice President of Community Investment for the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and as Trustee for William Jewell College.

Her professional imprint and legacy on Kansas City can best be found through her work since 2006 as President and CEO of the prestigious Kauffman Center. The \$413 million center was designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie. The magnificent structure houses two state of the art theaters, the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall. Since its grand opening in September 2011, more than 1 million people have attended events at the Kauffman Center. The center has elevated Kansas City's stature due in large part to Dr. Chu's ability to work internationally, nationally and locally to bring programming and funding to our community.

With programming for every genre of music, opera, theater and dance, the Kauffman Center is truly a place for artistic discovery. Audiences soon become absorbed in performances that can impact the spirit, elevate the imagination, entertain and stimulate thought. She has engaged the community and stressed the educational rewards that stem from exposure to art. And it is all happening in the heartland, in Kansas City.

Dr. Chu was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, but was raised in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the daughter of Chinese immigrants. Learning both English and Mandarin at home, she used music as an outlet and means to cultural assimilation. No doubt reflective of growing up in academia, her father, Dr. Finley Chu, Chairman of Ouachita Baptist University Economics and Business Departments, encouraged her to always keep learning. Her mother, Rosemary "Mom" Chu, demonstrated amazing strength through her own perilous journey as a teenager to escape communist China. Serving as an inspiration, Rosemary has the honor of having the Mom Chu House in Gosser Hall at Ouachita bear her name.

In 1979, Dr. Chu received a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and a Bachelor in Music Education from Ouachita Baptist University. She would augment her education with Masters Degrees in Music and Piano Pedagogy from Southern Methodist University, a MBA from Rockhurst University and a Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University. In addition, she can proudly boast of an Honorary Doctorate in Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Jane Chu for her continued contributions to our country's artistic culture. As she continues her work to bring communities together through music and art, she inspires the next generation of artists. Dr. Chu has enriched the lives of many in Kansas City and around our